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**Minutes of the NWCA Executive Board Meeting
March 25, 1995
Washington, DC
CCCC**

Present: Byron Stay, Ray Wallace, Christina Murphy, Joan Mullin, Eric Hobson, Pamela Childers, Alan Jackson, Al DeCiccio, Kirsten Benson, Muriel Harris, Dave Healy, Joe Law (and others not recorded)

Byron Stay called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Reports

Executive Secretary: Alan Jackson reported the current NWCA account at \$9311.38. He recommended that the Board and membership consider ways to use some of this healthy treasury. Among the recommendations: establish stipends for tutors and directors to attend NCTE, CCCC, and NWCA conferences; award money with Distinguished Scholarship Awards; and acquire space in NCTE and CCCC book exhibits. Other ideas are encouraged.

Writing Lab Newsletter: Muriel Harris reported that the newsletter index is now available.

Writing Center Journal: Dave Healy reported that the next issue will be out in mid-April. *WCJ* has nearly 650 subscribers. Healy added that more focus will be given to letters that respond to articles published. Also, he asked for and the Board approved complimentary NWCA membership and *WCJ* subscriptions for his editorial board.

1995 NCTE Workshop: Christina Murphy reported that the workshop will focus on tutoring paradigms and practices, with an emphasis on high school writing centers.

1996 CCCC Special Interest Group: Joan Mullin announced that the special session will address the ways in which writing centers have expanded teaching and the training of teachers.

WCENTER: No report.

NWCA Directory: Pam Childers will distribute forms for a new revision of the directory at the St. Louis conference. This effort will be made in conjunction with WAC programs.

NWCA Conference: Eric Hobson announced that over 200 writing center professionals have been invited to present at the September 24-27 conference. Registration is also out and the cost includes three breakfasts, a lunch, a party at the Bowling Hall of Fame, and the best blues band in St. Louis.

Committee Reports: Byron Stay recommended that the committees be reconstituted. The Board agreed that the committees are important and that they need a new structure.

Regional Reports:

RMWCA will be in Spokane, WA on October 19-21 with Christina Murphy as keynote speaker.

SCWCA will meet March 31-April 1 in Arkadelphia, AR with Nancy Grimm as keynote speaker.

SWCA will co-host with South Carolina Writing Centers Association a conference in Myrtle Beach, SC on Feb. 1, 1996.

MAWCA will be in Wilmington, DE on April 7 with Byron Stay as keynote speaker.

ECWCA met in Indianapolis on March 16-18 with David Russell as keynote speaker.

NEWCA met in Nashua, NH with Bonnie Sunstein as keynote speaker.

Old Business

1. Al DeCiccio offered by-law changes for consideration. Of particular interest was determining the dynamics of the NWCA Conference, including the roles of both the national and regional organizations. The changes were tabled until the NWCA Conference in St. Louis.

2. Christina Murphy reported that papers from the First NWCA Conference had been selected for an anthology. Funding for the anthology had not been determined, but she would have a specific cost at the national conference meeting.

New Business

1. The Board voted to give Graduate Student Dissertation Awards to both Neal Lerner and Deborah D'Agati.

2. Christina Murphy wants NWCA to consider sponsoring a press of writing center books. Further cost estimates and discussions will follow at the next board meeting.

The meeting ended at 12:30 pm.